

**REMARKS**

Examiner Nguyen is thanked for the courtesy extended to the undersigned during a telephone interview which occurred on March 18, 2004. The amendments to the independent claims contained herein were emailed to the Examiner prior to the interview. During the interview, it was discussed that the dependency of the objected to claims would be corrected which is that claim 61 has now been made dependent on claim 51 and claim 64 has now been made dependent on claim 54. Additionally, the reference to "a" has been eliminated from claim 31 as discussed during the interview.

The rejection of claims 31-64 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement was discussed with the Examiner and is traversed. It was pointed out that the first paragraph of page 3 and the first full paragraph of page 6 and Fig. 3 of the application supported the claimed conjunctive manufacturing of mobile electronic devices which are monoblock cover assemblies and flip type cover assemblies. With respect to the first paragraph on page 3, it was pointed out that the specification states, "in order to reduce the per unit cost...in which the same engine and software may be used to manufacture both a mobile electronic device having a monoblock configuration and a mobile electronic device having a hinged flip cover using the same engine and software" provided a written description of the claimed invention. Similarly, the first full paragraph on page 6 describing Fig. 3 also refers to construction of both an electronic device having a flip type cover assembly and an electronic device having a monoblock type cover assembly as claimed. Accordingly, it is submitted that a written description of

the claimed invention is provided in view of the reference to "both" being support for the claimed conjunctive manufacturing.

Furthermore, the rejection of claims 31-64 in Section 7 of the Office Action as failing to comply with the enablement requirement was discussed and is traversed. It was pointed out to the Examiner that the last line of page 6 and the top of page 7, through line 7, supports the optional use of the detector switch mechanism which is used to face electrical pads 770 which are only used in association with electronic devices having a flip type cover assembly.

Moreover, it was pointed out that the software is operative in either system.

At the end of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing explanation satisfied him that the rejection of the claims under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 had been overcome.

Claims 31-35, 37-53 and 55-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 5,867,140 (Rader). During the interview, it was asserted and herein it is again asserted that Rader does not disclose the subject matter of the rejected claims. Rader discloses a flip type cover assembly mobile communication device as depicted in Fig. 2. There is no disclosure of providing common engine assemblies, including electronic components and software contained therein, which are used in manufacturing of mobile telephone devices having a monoblock cover assembly and mobile electronic devices having a flip type cover assembly. In this regard, it should be noted that claims 31 and 49 specifically define what constitutes monoblock cover assembly which are recited as "each including a fixed front cover assembly and a mating back cover assembly" and a flip type cover assembly which are recited as "each including a front cover having

a hinged flip cover and a mating back cover". There is no counterpart of a monoblock cover assembly in Rader and moreover, there is no "disposing individual provided common engine assemblies, including electronic components and software, within individual provided monoblock cover assemblies and disposing individual provided common engine assemblies within individual provided flip cover assemblies to respectively manufacture the mobile electronic devices having a monoblock cover assembly and a flip type cover assembly" as recited in claims 31 and 49.

Moreover, it is submitted that the subject matter of dependent claims 32-35, 37-53 and 55-64 is not anticipated by Rader.

Claims 36 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Rader in view of United States Patent 4,845,772 (Metroka et al). Metroka et al have been cited as disclosing disposing "the engine assembly and front cover of the flip type cover assemblies with the hinged flip cover covering the keypad upon being closed". However, Metroka et al did cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to Rader.

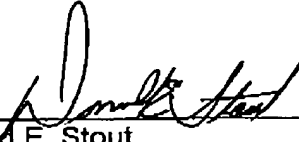
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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